

109TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 832

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 15, 2005

Ms. WATERS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCREASE IN MILITARY DEATH GRATUITY.**

2 (a) AMOUNT OF DEATH GRATUITY.—Section
3 1478(a) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by
4 striking “\$12,000” and inserting “\$100,000”.

5 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
6 subsection (a) shall apply with respect to deaths occurring
7 on or after August 1, 1990.

8 **SEC. 2. INCREASE IN MAXIMUM COVERAGE UNDER**
9 **SERVICEMEMBERS’ GROUP LIFE INSURANCE**
10 **PROGRAM.**

11 (a) INSURANCE COVERAGE.—Paragraph (3)(A)(i) of
12 section 1967(a) of title 38, United States Code, is amend-
13 ed by striking “\$250,000” and inserting “\$400,000”.

14 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section 1967(d) of
15 such title is amended by striking “of \$250,000” and in-
16 serting “provided for a member under subparagraph
17 (A)(i) of subsection (a)(3)”.

18 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
19 subsection (a) shall take effect on the first day of the first
20 month that begins more than 120 days after the date of
21 the enactment of this Act.

22 (d) RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY OF INCREASE IN
23 MAXIMUM SGLI BENEFIT FOR MEMBERS DYING IN PER-
24 FORMANCE OF DUTY ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 1990.—
25 Notwithstanding subsection (c), the amendment made by
26 subsection (a) to section 1967(a)(3)(A)(i) of title 38,

1 United States Code, shall take effect as of August 1, 1990,
2 with respect to any member of the uniformed services who
3 died in the performance of duty (as determined by the Sec-
4 retary concerned) during the period beginning on August
5 1, 1990, and ending at the date specified in subsection
6 (c) and who on the date of death was insured under the
7 Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program under
8 subchapter III of chapter 19 of title 38, United States
9 Code, for the maximum coverage available under that pro-
10 gram on that date.

11 (e) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

12 (1) SECRETARY CONCERNED.—The term “Sec-
13 retary concerned” has the meaning given that term
14 in section 101 of title 38, United States Code.

15 (2) UNIFORMED SERVICES.—The term “uni-
16 formed services” has the meaning given that term in
17 section 1965(6) of title 38, United States Code.

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